

KAUR unfairly criticized

To the editor:

We are writing in response to Carl Gonder's "KAUR and sports" column of the last issue. We were very disappointed to read what is in reality a very shallow criticism of KAUR that was not even researched thoroughly.

Had Carl decided to write his column before late Wednesday night and had he made the effort to research his topic, he would have discovered that KAUR has the most extensive Augustana sports coverage in the area.

So far this year, KAUR has covered all football games at home and away. We were the only radio station that did this. In addition, KAUR covered all women's basketball games at home, the only station in town that did. KAUR covered all men's basketball games except the UNC game due to excessive travel costs. Wrestling matches were covered with live spot reports directly from the gym.

Furthermore, had Carl bothered to check, he would have found out that KAUR sports will be providing full Augustana coverage of the NCC softball tournament. In addition, Chan Masselink,

sports director, and Dan Iseminger, news director, spent two days in Minneapolis covering the Twins home opener and creating a KAUR special sports report. This was done largely at their own expense.

A second point that Carl fails to mention is that KAUR is staffed by part-time, non-professional volunteers. In addition, most of these people are full-time Augustana students. They have classes, jobs and other activities that demand time. Other stations have full-time professionals that spend their careers doing what these students do in their spare time. In addition, KAUR has a total operating budget that is about one-tenth of a commercial station, and still provides more extensive coverage than any station in town. We think this is something to be proud of.

For Carl to criticize his fellow students and their accomplishments in this totally inaccurate way is unfair and a poor example of journalistic ethics. Carl himself has gained several years of experience as a broadcaster at KAUR.

KAUR is proud of the service it provides to the college and the community. The most important factor in KAUR's continued operation is support from the students it is here to serve. We deeply appreciate the support we have received thus far. It's

too bad we don't have Carl's also.

Jane Wagers,
station manager
Chan Masselink,
sports director

Nelsen clarifies tuition story

To the editor:

Thanks so much for Luther-Martell's article on cost increases at Augie. It was well done, especially in reporting the larger perspective of the increases in costs from the economy that Augustana must bear.

There is just one clarification that is important to point out. Tuition will not increase by \$1,000 from this year's \$5,200. Tuition will increase by \$595 to \$5,795. Total costs for room and board will increase by \$396. Students should recall that for this current year there was no increase in board costs and only a \$85 increase in room cost.

These total costs are still below comparable colleges of quality in our region. Thanks also to the students who came to the April 5 forum to raise questions and seek and understanding of the broader picture.

William C. Nelsen
president